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## DIGGING UP HISTORY

### The adventures and achievement of a young archaeologist

Most people, whether previously interested in the Romans or not, were thrilled when the Mithraic temple was unearthed in the City of London in 1954. But young Stephen Greenway, though not yet fifteen at the time, had already put in a lot of hard work at archaeology and he offered himself as a volunteer on this site, where Roman citizens had once worshipped the sun god Mithras. Working with his father, Stephen made some remarkable finds, which have earned him a measure of fame and have been presented to the Guildhall Museum now temporarily housed at the Royal Exchange. A CN correspondent who called on him the other day here tells readers more about this young archaeologist's fine achievement.

STEPHEN was waiting to listen to the broadcast of a recorded interview he had given the BBC, but he willingly settled down to tell of his adventures in digging up remains of Roman London.

In the first place, having become

London closed down Stephen had the discovery of a Roman London well to his credit. And down that well he found the bucket which had drawn the water, some pottery, and an arrowhead.

Now, the Mithraic temple had stood beside a small tributary of the Thames called the Walbrook (because its course ran through the city wall). So when the excavations here came to an end Stephen decided to move upstream a little. He started digging at a site in Watling Street, and here he found a Roman house and a fine fourth-century beaker or drinking vessel.

He also found that the authorities of Londinium had obviously been worried about the amount of mud the

Thames was depositing in the Walbrook (which had a wharf for ships at its mouth), for they had driven timbers into the bank to strengthen them and improve the

flow of water. Exploring in the peat-covered bed of this vanished stream, not far away he discovered a Roman entrenching tool—a sort of combination pick and hoe—and, most remarkable of all, a fragment of cloth a foot long. Woven material of such a date is very rare in our damp climate, and this piece is now preserved in the British Museum. Stephen also found a Roman crowbar, and coins of the first-century emperors Vespasian and Titus, and a silver denarius (from which we get the “d” in £ s. d.) of Julius Caesar.

During his work Stephen has had plenty of adventures, for there is plenty of danger in this work, especially for the unwary. Once he was crawling along the excavation for a new sewer when a roof support gave way and a piece of steel fell twelve feet onto his back. Luckily he had his pickaxe slung between his shoulders and a rucksack as well, but he was knocked out for a time.

It should be added that Stephen gives his work much careful thought, for your serious archaeologist does not work on any “dig-and-chance-it” principal.

#### PLANNING AHEAD

When exploring the Temple of Mithras site, where mechanical excavators were being used for new building, Stephen made a plan of the area and worked over every square foot. He always had to keep ahead of the grab.

Cleaning the finds meant months of careful work, too.

Though often up to his knees in mud and working in any kind of weather, the excitement of the search makes it all worth while for this young enthusiast.

One thing was absolutely clear in every word Stephen said. He is looking, not for dead things, but for signs of life—a vivid and enthralling life of people who had many things in common with ourselves. After all, the Romans who built that London of long ago were in this island for four hundred years. They spoke a language which is one of the foundations of our own; and there are words from it on every copper and silver coin in your pocket!

Quite a lot of people have read or heard about Stephen Greenway already. It seemed to this writer that quite a lot more are going to hear about him in the future.



Stephen displays some Roman discoveries dating from the first century

interested in archaeology at the age of twelve, he made a good start by paying constant visits to museums, particularly the British Museum, and really learning something from what he saw. Next came some hard bookwork and then some visits to bombed sites in London. He worked with his father and learned the discipline of scientific digging. It can be dangerous work for young people, and must never be undertaken alone.

#### DELICATE HANDLING

The tools of his trade are a pick and shovel, and then, when the right level is reached, the trowel, the handbroom, and even the paintbrush, for removing the soil from some particularly delicate piece of evidence. For the archaeologist handles his specimens and takes them from the earth as tenderly as a botanist handles an orchid. Last of all comes the measuring rod, for, in digging up the past, distance below ground can be very important evidence.

When at length the site of the Temple of Mithras in the City of



Stephen with an Elizabethan bottle which he found on a Cheapside site



### Help with the captain's helmet

Girls and boys of County Secondary Schools at Penge in South London recently combined to give a performance of Shaw's *Androcles and the Lion*. Carol Leech played Lavinia but was not too busy to give the Captain, Colin Probert, some help with his helmet.

## MILLIONAIRE DOCTORS

### Two Good Samaritans of Haiti

Ten years ago two young members of the millionaire banking family of Mellon in the United States—Larimer and Gwen Mellon—were down on their ranch in Arizona. They were often there enjoying the open-air life which their wealth and leisure afforded them, and it looked as if they would go on doing that for the rest of their lives.

Then they read a book about Albert Schweitzer and his life's work for the people of Equatorial Africa.

The more they read, the more they realised that they wanted to follow the example of Schweitzer.

Leaving their life of ease in New York and Arizona, the Mellons went to a medical school and worked hard through the long course of seven years to qualify as doctors. Then they decided to go to Haiti, an island undeveloped and backward in every way.

For three years now Larimer and Gwen Mellon have been working there in an inland valley among people who exist on a meagre diet of bananas and rice.

A CN correspondent visited them recently in the brand-new hospital they have built in a countryside where no one had seen a

doctor before, let alone a hospital. They have named it the Albert Schweitzer Hospital, and magnificent it is with every kind of modern equipment.

One of the first concerns of the hospital is the children of Haiti, many of them underfed, suffering from tuberculosis, and with all their teeth decayed. The hospital dentist spends so much time pulling out decayed teeth that he has no time to practise preventive dentistry. The children flock to the hospital for treatment, the first they have ever known.

The Mellons are there to work for the rest of their lives because they have discovered Albert Schweitzer's teaching of “reverence for life.”

#### EYES ON THE CLOCK

A firm in Freiburg, Bavaria, is now making clocks in the shape of animals with rotating eyes. A slit in the right eye serves as the hour hand, and another in the left eye is the minute hand. As the eyes rotate these record the time against the eyelashes round the rims.

Owing to the constant turning of the eyes, the face seems to change all the time.



# COPENHAGEN, CITY OF SPIRES

THE Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are making a State visit to Denmark next week (May 21-23) and they will spend much of their time in Copenhagen, the capital and chief seaport of the smallest of the Northern States.

Copenhagen means "merchants' haven." It stands partly on the East coast of the island of Zealand and partly on the small island of Amager, and the channel between them makes a fine harbour protecting it from storms.

But there always seems to be a fresh wind blowing through the handsome city streets.

The older, central part is cut by various delightful waterways bordered by quays and handsome old houses which watch the passing boats, and here you can find stalls where baskets of flowers are for sale and fresh fish is sold beside the moored fishing boats.

Next to these waterways, on which there are trips by launch, the visitor is immediately struck by the

Queen and Prince Philip will be the guests of King Frederick and Queen Ingrid. Here, too, the tourists come to watch the Danish guardsmen in their sky-blue tunics with white cross-belts and black bearskins.

Adjoining the King's Palace in Amalienborg Square is the small Yellow Palace, the birthplace of our late Queen Alexandra, great-



Copenhagen's Town Hall Square

beautiful copper spires on churches, palaces, and the great Parliament building, the Christiansborg Palace. The Stock Exchange, for instance, has one in the form of a dragon.

Copenhagen is a gay, breezy city where the old streets contrast with wide squares thronged by thousands of bicycles and crossed by single-decker yellow trams which always run in pairs. The main shopping street, called Stroget (pronounced Stroyet), is really several streets running to the Town Hall Square. Here are the big buildings including the newspaper offices, and a broad space with kiosks which sell magazines and sweets, and restaurants with tables out on the pavement in the summertime.

Nearby is the famous Tivoli, a beautiful park with a boating lake and a fairground.

Near the harbour is the splendid Royal Palace of Amalienborg, built round a broad circular space, for it was once four separate mansions of the nobility. Here the

grandmother of our present Queen. Here she spent much of her girlhood.

Not far away is the Langelinie, a promenade beside the harbour, where you see the statue of Hans Andersen's Little Mermaid on a rock by the water's edge.

Copenhagen makes steel and metal goods, textiles, clothing, and the famous porcelain ware bought all over the world.

The city lies close to the southern end of The Sound, the narrow strait between Sweden and Denmark at the entrance to the Baltic. The Sound is one of the busiest waterways in the world. All the ports of the Baltic are within easy reach on the one side, while the North Sea harbours of the Continent and of Great Britain are as easily accessible on the other. The airport of Kastrup, on the Isle of Amager, has the same central vantage-point for air travel as the harbour has for shipping.

Copenhagen, the merchants' haven, is well named.

## Scholarships and taxes

By the CN Political Correspondent

SIR EDWARD BOYLE, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education, has just given Parliament some interesting figures about scholarships.

The figures show how many boys and girls holding State scholarships entered on first degree courses in 1956-57 in eight particular subjects.

Of these eight pure science came first with 796 awards, modern languages came second with 406, and history third with 311.

The other subjects were mathematics (292); technology (278); classics (253); medicine (207); and English (198).

### £2000 A YEAR PEOPLE

In our discussion of this year's Budget, reference was made to surtax payers—that is, those taxpayers earning more than £2000 a year.

According to a recent Parliamentary answer this class of taxpayer is very small—smaller, perhaps, than most people think when it is considered that the total working population (not all taxed) is nearly 23 million.

For instance, there are 192,000 people paying surtax on incomes between £2000 and £4000 a year, and a much smaller number—42,000—paying on incomes of between £4000 and £10,000.

This makes a total of 234,000, or only about one per cent of the working population.

### QUESTION OF EQUALITY

Two great arguments are going on among our M.P.s and other sections of our society. One is about "equality"—whether those who get "too much" should be content with less so that those with less can get a little more.

History is full of examples of communities which tried such experiments. One school of thought today says the Budget should be used to tax "the rich" heavily, so that the Government can spread the benefits among the lower paid.

But here a human factor comes in. If people are too heavily taxed they will leave the country. There was such a movement even in the time of Ancient Rome.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE

The other argument stems from this—and it has a bearing on the State scholarship figures given above. Should people with extra initiative and energy and talents, which may enable them to earn more, be penalised by taxation?

If they become millionaires, will they not pull a lot of other people up with them? Is it not better to "level up" in this way than to "level down" by a system of "equality"?

These are useful arguments which we can start debating while we are young. It will help us to build a better society—one in which there is real social justice—if we think early about this and take a regular interest in what Parliament has to say on the subject.

## News from Everywhere

Latest figures show that half the homes of Britain now have television sets.

A Border collie was sold for £240, thought to be a world record, at a sheep dog sale in Australia. The dog had been imported from England.

A 15th-century house in The Trinity, Worcester, is being converted into a newspaper museum.

Mr. John Hoyland, the retired history professor who has made thousands of teddy bears for UNICEF, wants more orders. He estimates that one 10s. bear will help to save a leper, and that a 4s. "cub" will protect a North African child from blindness. His address is Kentmere, Rednal, Birmingham.

Telephones have been installed in the Needles Lighthouse, off the Isle of Wight, thus ending the system of signalling messages to the shore by Aldis lamp.

### Carving a career



Only 13, Jonathan Kenworthy of Worcester Park, Surrey, has shown so much promise that he has been allowed to attend the Royal School of Sculpture on Sunday afternoons and has made full use of the opportunity.



### Art from old Japan

Since the sixth century the Japanese have treated the arrangement of flowers as an art. Now a school for teaching this art has been opened in London and here is an example of the work.

Britain's rabbit population is increasing. Since the myxomatosis epidemic rabbits have changed their habits and are now living and breeding above ground.

Zebra crossings, with Belisha beacons, are being installed on many Dutch roads.

### CHIEF WHIP AT SCHOOL

The Opposition Chief Whip of Ghana, Mr. D. K. Adams, has come to London for a course of parliamentary procedure.

An admission charge of 6d. is now made at the Imperial Institute Cinema in London, but organised school parties are still admitted free.

Demonstrating its powers in Australia a British Mark II Comet was airborne in 20 seconds, and in 15 minutes climbed to 32,000 feet, where it cruised at 475 m.p.h.

### CORRECTION

Owing to a printer's error the Norman Wisdom film *Up in the World* was referred to in our front page article last week as *Up in the Wood*.

## A CALENDAR OF STORIES

by  
**Lilian  
McCrea**

Here is a delightful and unusual collection of stories related to persons or events commemorated by notable days in the year. The stories are preceded by short accounts of the legendary, religious or historic significance of the days, and of the customs that have grown up around them. Answers are provided to many questions of interest to both children and adults, such as why we have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, how Valentines originated, and what lies behind the activities of Hallow'een and Midsummer Night. 8/6 net.

**PITMAN** Parker Street, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.



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## THIRTEEN TONS ON A PARACHUTE

Thirteen tons of steel plate descended from the air the other day at Market Weighton, in the East Riding. It was dropped by parachute from a freighter plane flying at 130 m.p.h.

When the aircraft was at a height of 1500 feet an extractor parachute was released. This drew the load from the fuselage; then, as it fell away, eight other parachutes opened, each 66 feet in diameter. They reached the ground in 35 seconds and were automatically released so as not to drag the load across the ground.

The operation, carried out by the firm of Blackburn and General Aircraft, took three years to plan. It created a record for Britain, beating America's parachute load record by more than a ton.

## LAND OF THE LITTLE PEOPLE

A stretch of countryside in miniature, with a tiny town, village, Norman castle, lake, model 2½-inch gauge railway, and other features, is the latest holiday attraction at Southport.

Called the Land of the Little People, all its buildings are on the scale of one inch to one foot. The town has a cinema, police and fire stations, shopping centre, banks, and so on. There is even a zoo. The toy trains, running all day and crossing bridges and a viaduct, stop at an old-world village with thatched cottages.

It will certainly be a fascinating place to play Gulliver this summer.

## TELEVISION FOR NORWAY

Work on Norway's first television station is due to start at the beginning of July.

Test transmissions will be made in the autumn—from Oslo—but it will be about three years before there is a regular service.



### Young Lapps visit Finland's capital

Some schoolchildren from Lapland were invited to make a springtime journey to Helsinki, capital of Finland. These children, who had never been in a city before, are seen here on the steps of the cathedral.

## PUSH-BUTTON VOTES

Automatic vote-recording equipment has just been installed in the Indian Houses of Parliament. Each Member's seat is fitted with three push-buttons—green for "Aye," red for "No," and black for "Abstain."

With this equipment, the result of a division is known in about four minutes as compared with an average of 20 minutes under the older method. The result is flashed on two boards installed in the railings of the galleries of the chamber.

## Stamp News

A WORD missing from a single stamp on a sheet of 240 may result in the sheet being sold for £1000. That is the value of a discovery made at Stanley Gibbons's on a sheet of the recently withdrawn Tangier 9d. centenary stamps. These were overprinted "1857-1957 Tangier," but one edge of one of the lower stamps was turned up, and the word Tangier was printed on its gummed side.

A WELL-KNOWN—and respected—stamp forger, Jean de Sperati, died in Paris the other day. He made copies of stamps exactly like the originals, yet never broke the law. He always sold his artistic creations—he never called them stamps—on the open market, and to make sure that they never got into wrong hands, signed his initials on the backs.

ETHIOPIA has just issued an unusual set of six stamps in honour of the 70th anniversary of Addis Ababa. Each value bears one huge character of the Amharic name of the capital. Placed in the right order, the set spells the complete name.

A NEW issue in Denmark commemorates the 150th anniversary of her National Museum.

## FUN FOR BROWNIES

A new edition has been published of that ever-popular little book, Brownie Games, by Esterel Pelly (C. Arthur Pearson, 1s. 3d.) It contains suggestions galore to keep a Brownie meeting bubbling with fun from beginning to end. Many of the games are of the Let's Pretend kind that never fail to stir the imagination of young people; and imagination, as the author reminds us, is a quality that every wise Brown Owl seeks to develop in her Pack.

## GAS HOUND FINDS THE LEAK

There seems no end to the ways in which dogs can help men. At Auxerre, south-east of Paris, instruments at the local gasworks showed that there was an underground leak somewhere in the 15-mile-long main to Joigny. Experts, equipped with the latest kind of gas-detecting appliances, failed to find it, and the authorities were confronted with the costly task of digging up the whole pipeline.

Then someone thought of police dogs. One of them, a black Alsatian called Yalf, was first trained to find a rag impregnated with coal gas, then taken for a walk above the gas main. After sniffing the ground for a few miles, he suddenly began barking and scratching. Workmen at once joined him with their spades, and the leak was found and repaired. Later his keen nose, more sensitive than any scientific detector, discovered another leak.

## SUMMER SKI-ING

Winter sports enthusiasts will be able to enjoy ski-ing throughout the summer at Bischofgrün in the Fichtel Mountains, near Nuremberg. The take-off slope will be covered with peat, held firm with wire mesh, and plastic mats and straw matting will take the place of snow on the landing slope.

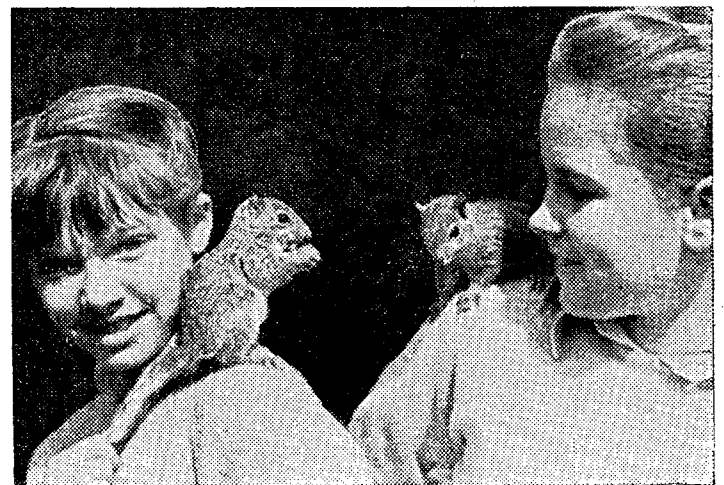
The idea of summer ski-jumping is not new in Germany, for as long ago as 1927 contests were held in Berlin, pine needles being used to cover the slopes.

## PLAYGROUNDS GALORE

The National Playing Fields Association has provided a new playground every two days for the last four years, and set aside £75 every single day for such schemes.

But still more playgrounds are needed, for it is calculated that by 1964 this country will have another 800,000 teenagers to cater for.

## TWO PETS FROM THE TREETOPS



Elaine Ellenthorpe and her friend Gale Bailey (next-door neighbours at Eastcote, Middlesex) with two young squirrels which fell from a treetop home overlooking the girls' gardens. Helpless at first, the squirrels soon perked up on a diet of chocolate and milk, and

are now quite tame and happy, with the freedom of the house and plenty of apples and nuts. In the picture Puck is having a feed on Elaine's shoulder (left), while his brother Peewee thinks out the next move after climbing over Gale's back.

## New Law Courts for Manchester

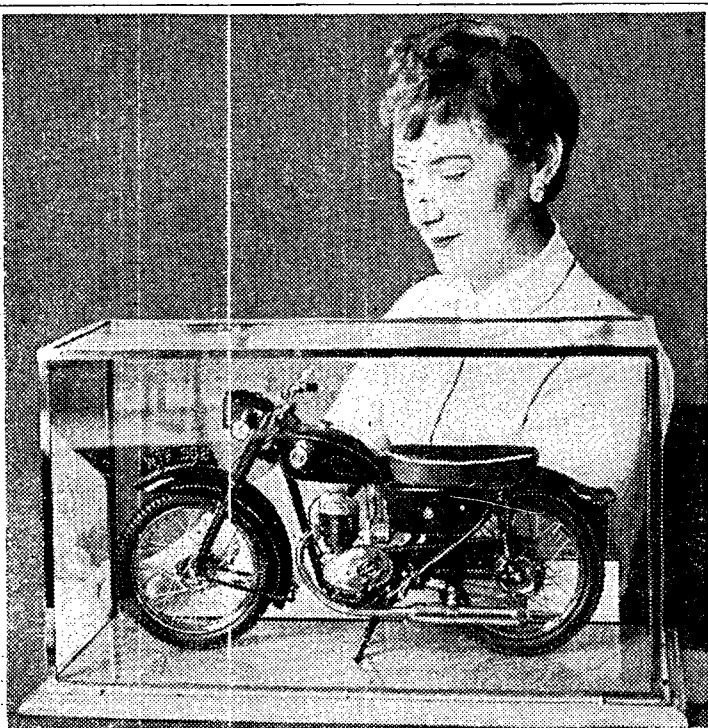
The foundation stone of Manchester's new Law Courts has been laid recently by Lord Chief Justice Goddard. He said he believed that they would be the finest set of courts in the kingdom.

The new building, which will cost over a million pounds, is to take the place of the Assize Courts destroyed by bombs. It will be completed in about three years.

## PONY PENSIONERS

Claimed as the oldest pony in Scotland, Brownie, belonging to Mr. A. Cook, of Kemnay, Aberdeenshire, has died at the age of 40.

A 37-year-old Shetland pony, Fanny, owned by Mrs. Jessie Cummings, of Keith Hall, Aberdeenshire, is now said to be Scotland's oldest horse. Fanny worked on Mrs. Cummings's croft until four years ago, and is still sprightly in retirement.



### The lady admires the model

More than 800 hours of spare-time work went into the construction of this beautifully-made working model of a motorcycle. Every part except the battery and the electric bulbs was made by Mr. Leslie Tatlock of Kearsley, Lancashire.



ERNEST THOMSON WRITES ABOUT RADIO AND TELEVISION PERSONALITIES AND PROGRAMMES

# IN THE DAYS OF THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

"A STRONG story, simply bristling with exciting incidents." That's how Producer Barbara Hammond described to me *The Machine Breakers*, a new serial by Phyllis Bentley which begins in BBC Children's TV next Sunday.

It takes us back more than a century to the Luddite riots in the Yorkshire woollen mills when the "automation" of those days threatened to throw workers out of their jobs. The machines they hated most were the shear-frames,

which enabled one mill hand to do the work of ten hand croppers.

Early woollen mill machinery is being set up in the Lime Grove studios, but for outdoor scenes Barbara Hammond spent four days with a camera team in the Halifax and Huddersfield districts.

Youngest member of the cast is 14-year-old Cavan Kendall as Dick, younger brother of one of the rebellious croppers. Cavan has recently been seen as Peter in *The Railway Children*. John Barry plays the millowner, and his son is played by 16-year-old David Higson, a pupil at the Corona Stage School.

Patrick Westwood, who is seen as one of the croppers, was about to emigrate to America, but was persuaded to stay for this serial.

"Although the play is full of drama, it's absolutely authentic," said Miss Hammond.



David Higson



Cavan Kendall



## ILFORD FILMS

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ILFORD FILMS FIT ALL POPULAR CAMERAS

## Have you seen yourself on the screen?

HAVE you ever seen yourself, or someone you know, in a BBC newsreel or tele-recorded programme? Producer John Furness once spotted his sister and her family in a newsreel of the Royal Tour of Nigeria, and that gave him the idea for *One of the Crowd*, the amusing quiz included in *What's In The Picture?* on Friday evenings.

Viewers who have identified themselves or others in such a way are invited to appear in the TV studio and challenge the panel. The film in question is shown, and the panel then quiz the challengers to find out what the event was and why they were there.

BBC Television has a tremendous film stock to draw on. The Lime Grove film library is said to be the biggest in Europe, and is catalogued under 7000 sections. More than 20 miles of film are shot every week.

### David Flame goes on

I HAVE good news for all who follow the exploits of David Flame on ITV on Thursdays. This thriller by Eric Leyland, starring John Fabian as the Secret Agent, was intended to finish after the sixth episode last Thursday. But at Television House I was told that so many children had written in asking for more that it is being extended for another five instalments.

### Story of the Gaiety

QUITE a number of theatres threatened with destruction have been saved for conversion into TV studios. But there is one—the famous Gaiety in the Strand, London—which is being preserved from demolition simply for the sake of one TV broadcast.

The facts were given me by Kenneth Adam, new controller of BBC TV programmes. "We plan to give the history of the Gaiety in an outside broadcast on Whit Monday," he told me. "The demolition squads are waiting to go in directly the cameras move out."

### Exploring the Potteries

SCRIPT-WRITER Frederick Laws ranged round the Potteries of Staffordshire with a tape recorder recently to find the facts for *I Want To Be... a Potter*, in BBC Children's Hour on May 25.

He tells me a lot of young people are training nowadays, most of them spending half of each year in the factories and the other half in the technical colleges. His tour included the famous Wedgwood factory, founded by Josiah Wedgwood 198 years ago.

The broadcast will show that there is considerable scope in the craft of pottery for young people with a flair for design. In these days of mass production, however, the bigger demand is for technologists and people with business ability.

# SYMPHONY OF THE TRAFFIC JAM

WHEN you are caught in a London traffic jam, I expect the last thing that occurs to you is to make a song and dance about it. Composer Sidney Torch is different. He has written a London Transport Suite inspired by the busy traffic-packed streets, and the BBC Concert Orchestra will give a performance in the Light Programme Music Festival which runs for six Saturdays from June 1 in the Royal Festival Hall, London.

Frank Wade, BBC Light Music Head, told me: "Sidney Torch's

piece says in music what he thinks about all forms of local transport. I think listeners will enjoy the fun. It is a sort of windscreen-eye view of traffic jams seen from a luxury car."

You can hear the Suite in the Light Programme on June 8. Other novelties in the Festival will include a BBC Weather Forecast set to music (June 1), Tchaikovsky's Overture Solonelle, with cannon effects (June 15), and Jimmy Edwards playing Tubby the Tuba, composed by George Kleinsinger (June 29).

## Last of the Mohicans

RECENTLY I told you of Associated Television's forthcoming film series, *Hawkeye* and the *Last of the Mohicans*, dramatising James Fenimore Cooper's famous novel of 100 years ago. Pictures have now reached Television House from Canada, where the films have been shot, showing John Hart as Hawkeye and Lon Chaney,

Junior, as the Mohican chief, Chingachook.

Starting date is now scheduled for June. The series, running for 39 instalments, looks like being as popular as *Robin Hood* and *The Adventures of Sir Lancelot*.

"It will interest adults as much as young people," said an ATV official.



Hawkeye and Chingachook

## Round the stations

SCHOOLBOYS, many carrying notebooks, made up the biggest groups of visitors when the BBC recently held the first Open Days at the Crystal Palace TV station and the high-power sound station at Droitwich.

"We certainly expected crowds," a BBC engineer told me. "But nothing like this. At Crystal Palace a long line of extra commissionaires controlled the queue

from the station entrance to the gates. Crystal Palace visitors totalled over 7000, and those at Droitwich 12,652."

It is hoped soon to throw open some of the regional sound and TV stations. Many, however, like North Hessary Tor, Devon, are too remote to warrant opening them to visitors. In some cases there is only a single car track in lonely country.

## More viewers for ITV

By next winter it is hoped that nearly five million homes will be picking up Independent TV. The present figures, according to facts given me by ITA, is about 3,300,000, and increase is between 160,000 and 170,000 every month. And there will be even more viewers when the South Scottish ITA station opens in the autumn. The first of ITA's new trans-

mitters in 1958 will be at Chiller-ton Down, in the Isle of Wight, intended to reach more than two million people in Southern England.

The new service area will be roughly a half-circle, with the base stretching along the south coast from Weymouth to Brighton and the arc ranging north as far as Newbury.



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# A GIRL AND HER FARM

*The remarkable growth of the Young Farmers' Club movement is one of the most significant features in agricultural circles today. But don't let anyone get the impression that the members of these clubs are young people playing at a serious business. They are successful, practical farmers in their own right.*

**T**AKE 24-year-old Miss Jean Black, for instance. Like Old Macdonald of the song, she has a farm-ee-ay-ee-ay-oh . . . and on that farm, which covers 18 acres, she has 170 hens, 60 pigs, 9 cows, and three dogs (Kim, the collie; Bruce, the Alsatian; and Patsy, the peke). She also has her own tractor.

Jean has been the farmer of Barskimming Mill for more than a year now. Before that she assisted her elder sister Marjory, but when Marjory married a neighbouring farmer, Jean was left in command.

## SHE'S A "CRAFTSMAN"

Jean's farm, Barskimming Mill, is in the Burns country, at the join of the rivers Ayr and Lugar, near Mauchline, and it is here that she farms all on her own.

There can be few more practical young women farmers in the country than Miss Black, who talks as casually about rubbing oil on a pig's back to smooth its skin as most girls do about smearing cold cream on their own faces.

## NO NOVICE

When I visited the farm the other day, it did not take me long to realise that Jean is no novice. She tackles a hefty job without batting an eyelid, and runs her compact unit with efficiency.

No wonder she has been chosen to visit farms in Ontario this spring under the Young Farmers' exchange scheme.

Although she tackles all the farm work herself, Jean confessed that she did have part-time help from her father, who is a Prestwick lawyer and a former Prestwick Town Councillor.

Before he goes to the office every morning he cleans out the piggery. And she added: "He fairly enjoys doing this chore."

NANCY HOPE



A special favourite



Jean on her tractor, setting out for the fields



At home, there's knitting to be done



Jean is an expert on poultry and has taken part in many important competitions



There are 60 pigs like this to look after

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## VOICE OF YOUTH

ONCE again a plea for peace is being sent from this country to the whole world. On Saturday the annual Goodwill Message from the children of Wales will be broadcast by the BBC; first in Children's Hour and then on the various overseas wave-lengths.

Every year since 1922 an inspiring Goodwill Message has been sent to the youth of all lands. The idea was first thought of by a Welsh minister, The Rev. Gwilym Davies, who devoted much of his life to the noble cause of international friendship. He died in 1955, but a special ceremony at his home, Bedlinog, is to be included in this year's broadcast.

If we are to build a better world—a world without war and want—we must begin by building a better understanding between the young people of all nations. Towards that noble aim is this year's Goodwill Message being broadcast.



OUR HOMELAND

The River Coquet near Harehaugh, Northumberland

# The Editor's Table

## UNTIDY ANIMAL

THE picture of a red squirrel on anti-litter posters was criticised in the House of Commons the other day; a Member said that it was notoriously an untidy animal.

Replying for the Ministry responsible for the poster, Mr. Bevin said the red squirrel had merely been chosen because it is a delightful creature that reminds people of the country. Another M.P. then suggested that the badger might be a better choice.

One could think of other candidates. For example, Beatrix Potter's hedgehog, "Mrs. Tiggy Winkle," was a pattern of neatness in her daily round.

But what seems perfectly clear is that Man is the untidiest animal of all. A sad thought!

## Think on These Things

PETER, who denied his Master, had shown himself first boastful and then, under the first test of danger, cowardly. And this brought bitter unhappiness and later repentance.

When Jesus had risen from the dead, He forgave Peter and restored his self-respect by giving him work to do with the command, "Feed My sheep."

After the resurrection, Peter was courageous, a new man, telling others about Jesus, and ready to face persecution.

That is what Jesus does: He changes people. But if He is to do this they must first put themselves into His hands. O. R. C.

## Champions

THE crew of the Hull steamship Melrose Abbey have just become the first holders of the silver cup offered by the Seamen's Sports Centre of Rotterdam for competition between ships' soccer teams.

The international situation completely upset the movement of ships during the winter, and this in turn completely upset the ship league fixtures. As a result, the 1956-57 cup has gone to the team that played the most games—the crew of the Melrose Abbey, who won two matches and lost another two!

## Pennyfarthing goes West

AN American officer, Captain Philip Ooley, has announced his intention of taking home the 73-year-old pennyfarthing bicycle which he has acquired while serving at the Air Force base at Sculthorpe.

The sight of this airman serenely pedalling a pennyfarthing through the lanes astonished Norfolk villagers at first, but they soon became used to it. Doubtless the land of streamlined speed will get used to it, too. He says that his antique bike will be a treasured memento of his stay in England.

## Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, May 21, 1927

ONCE upon a time the Railway came to frighten our great-grandfathers, and was fenced in as a dangerous place. Now it is the safest place in the country, and it is the Road that cries out loudly for protection.

One of the safest places in the land is a railway carriage. Last year the railways carried the population of the country nearly fifty times over and only four passengers were killed. In the streets no fewer than 4300 were killed and 121,000 injured, and the casualty list grows steadily.

People certainly walk the streets more often than they step into the train, though last year 1500 million railway journeys were taken; but they seem now to be stepping out of the risks and turmoil of street traffic into the safety and peace and comfort of the railway carriage.

## THEY SAY...

THERE are many ways of doing any task, but only one best way. If you don't know that way you will save yourself time and labour by discovering it.

Mr. J. G. Bedford, Chairman of Grimsby Productivity Committee

CONCRETE is a rotten material which even the Romans covered up with marble.

Sir Albert Richardson

I SEE no cause for alarm if the BBC proposes to make the Light Programme a little lighter.

Assistant Postmaster-General

THIS is an exciting age, not one of despair. There are opportunities for every young man and woman in this country today. Things are not what they were 25 to 30 years ago.

Mr. Peter Thorncroft

A DIPLOMAT is a person who tries to solve complicated problems which would never have arisen if there were no diplomats.

The Norwegian Ambassador at a gathering of diplomats

THERE is such a thing as the thrill of just living. You should really get a kick out of it.

Mr. G. B. Bradney, Youth Officer for Edmonton, at Youth Conference

## The Queen's horse



Bussaca the stallion which was presented to the Queen on her State visit to Portugal. He is now in Britain.

## JUST AN IDEA

The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.

## JUST A FEW WORDS

HERE is an entertaining way to increase your knowledge of words. Each numbered sentence below is followed by three answers or comments you might make; but, in each case, only one is correct and shows that you have understood the meaning of the word in italics. To answer five or six correctly is very good.

(Answers are given on page 12)

- What a *grotesque* statue!  
A—Extremely old.  
B—Fantastically distorted.  
C—Very big.
- I am the *vendor* of this house.  
A—So it is for sale?  
B—How many lodgers have you?  
C—Will you move in soon?
- There is a *prelude* to this story.  
A—An introductory part.  
B—An unexpected twist.  
C—A musical accompaniment.
- I enjoy *aquatic* sports.  
A—Running.  
B—Team games.  
C—Swimming.
- We sailed on an *indigo* sea.  
A—Very rough.  
B—Deep blue.  
C—Cool green.
- You must *eschew* chocolate.  
A—Eat it carefully.  
B—Enjoy it.  
C—Give it up.

# Out and About

AN English meadow on a sunny day is one of the best places to enjoy the coming of summer. We found a grassy bank to sit on while eating our sandwiches (remembering not to leave the paper they were wrapped in, lying about). Behind us a line of hawthorn bushes, all in flower, looked like a long creamy billow about to spill over onto the meadow. But it barely stirred in a little breeze, though the perfume floated everywhere.

At the far end where a copse made a bright green triangle a cuckoo was calling, calling every few seconds, the two notes coming across the meadow, softly but insisting on being heard, in spite of the continual hum of insects.

## RICH STORE

Although so many flowers opened very early this year, there were left plenty in May's rich store. Easiest to notice were cowslips in the meadow, and a richer yellow of the tall Meadow Vetchling clinging to a part of the hedge that contained the hawthorns. The flowers and the slender leaves and climbing stem of this vetchling remind one of a sweet-pea, for the good reason that it belongs to the same family.

But it would take a long time to make a list of all the flowers in the meadow, and its borders and the peaceful and lovely surroundings made us lazy. Clouds kept passing, their shadows moving over the field ahead of them. It was like the picture in one of D. G. Rossetti's sonnets:

*The pasture gleams and glooms  
Neath billowing skies that  
scatter and amass.*

But he saw "far as the eye can pass"

*golden king-cup fields with silver  
edge*

*Where the cow parsley skirts the  
hawthorn hedge.*

## MEAL-TIME

Some cow parsley there was, and though it was barely in flower a swallow-tail butterfly sampled it before fluttering off. Over this same meadow, too, we recognised the Small Blue, the Pearl-bordered Fritillary, and more than one Brown, including the Meadow Brown. But it is very difficult to distinguish more than a few butterflies and moths when many are about, not to mention remembering their names.

Before going away we had the pleasure of watching a family of swallows. Five very young ones—it may have been their first day out of the nest—were perched in a row on the telegraph wires along a road passing the meadow. The parents darted all over the place collecting mouthfuls of insects. As they returned the youngsters opened wide their beaks for another instalment of what must have been a big meal before the parent birds called it a day.

For us it was a very good day.  
C. D. D.



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IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK—MAY 18, 1926

# GENERAL STRIKE ENDED

LONDON—The General Strike is over! Britain is coming to life again as she emerges from a crisis which seemed to threaten revolution.

The strike began at midnight on May 3 when two million workers downed tools on orders from the Trades Union Congress. The Government, compelled to take emergency measures to keep essential services going and keep the nation fed, mobilised troops and volunteers for these jobs.

Eventually the food shortage in London became acute, and the Government mobilised troops to clear the docks. Because pickets were at the docks refusing to allow flour to be loaded, the Grenadier Guards were marched to the scene to do the job.

Convoys of 100 lorries, guarded by 20 armoured cars manned by soldiers of the Tank Corps, drove out of the docks piled high with flour. It was a dangerous moment and a clash was feared, but for-

NEW FILMS

# TROUBLE IN THE NAVY AND STAMPEDE IN THE WEST

THERE have been a number of exciting and moving British films about the Royal Navy, but the latest one is only meant to make us laugh.

Carry On Admiral is a very gay story about two young men who, through a strange chapter of accidents, get mistaken for each other and have to take each other's places. One is an officer about to take command of a destroyer in a naval port; the other is a visiting M.P., a Parliamentary Private Secretary.

The complications are considerable, and there is no room to explain them all, but there seem to be good reasons for everything at the time. Anyhow, a little later each young man is dressed in the other's clothes, and this leads to some very funny things happening. Tom, the civilian in naval uniform (played by David Tomlinson), is taken out to the destroyer before he can realise what is happening, and expected to behave like a proper naval officer. Peter, the lieutenant-commander in civilian clothes (Brian Reece), is taken to see the admiral at Admiralty House and asked questions he knows nothing about.

So, for that matter, is Tom. There are visitors on board the destroyer, and while pretending he knows all the answers to their questions, he actually manages to

fire a real torpedo across the harbour by mistake. In fact, he does so many things wrong that the other officers think he must have gone mad, and he is taken ashore to hospital.

Of course, all comes right in the end, but before that there has been a great deal of fun. One of the most amusing performers is A. E. Matthews as the old admiral, a vague old gentleman who is quite likely to say "Who are you?" when somebody he has just been talking to comes back into the room.

We are not supposed to think very deeply about it, otherwise we might realise how flimsy are some of the reasons for misunderstandings, and how easily they might be explained. But at the time it all seems possible, and there are so many laughs that we have no time to think.

ANOTHER recent film is an exciting Western called Stampeded. This tells a story about a time just after the American Civil War, and shows us Alan Ladd as Chad, a man from Texas with cattle to sell in the North, where they need beef and should give him a good price. But there is still great bitterness between the North and the South, and he finds it difficult.

Most of the trouble is stirred up by the villainous Brog (Anthony



Alan Ladd, in Stampeded

Caruso), and, as so often happens in a Western, you can tell he is the villain as soon as he appears, because he is dressed all in black.

Brog has great influence with the cattle-buyers, and does his best to spoil Chad's chances. He gets his men to burn down the beginnings of the town Chad is starting to build, and then, when the town is built after all, he contrives to make the great herd of cattle stampede through it (this, of course, is the big scene of the film).

But at last—and this nearly always happens in a Western, too—it comes to a gun-fight between the hero and the villain. Perhaps it will not surprise you to learn that the hero proves to be quicker on the draw!



Lorries waiting to load milk in Hyde Park

There was constantly the fear that clashes between the Government's emergency workers and the strikers might lead to nationwide revolt.

Train and bus services had ceased; gas and electricity plants were threatened with complete stoppage. One of the most dangerous effects of the strike was the stopping of newspapers. The Government, fearing that alarmist rumours might spread among the public cut off from daily information, took over control of the radio and issued its own newspaper, the British Gazette. The T.U.C. issued a rival paper, the British Worker, and in the offices of the big national newspapers skeleton staffs printed small one-sheet bulletins.

The Government began recruiting its volunteer workers on the morning of May 4, the first day of the struggle. At the recruiting centre in London—a collection of wooden huts in the courtyard of the Foreign Office—men and women queued up all day offering their services.

## CHALLENGE TO PARLIAMENT

From No. 10 Downing Street, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister, issued an appeal for patience, and declared: "The General Strike is a challenge to Parliament, and is the road to anarchy and ruin."

London took on the grim aspect of a besieged city. Buses and trams were driven by steel-helmeted volunteers.

In Hyde Park a vast milk-distribution centre was set up to supply the millions of people within a radius of 15 miles from the city. All the parks gates were locked and guarded by police, and special permits had to be shown to gain entry.

The situation grew steadily worse and more dangerous.

Unfortunately the strikers let the soldiers load the lorries, and London's bread was secured.

On May 12 the T.U.C. withdrew the strike notices and the General Strike came to an end as suddenly as it had begun.

In a message to the country King George said: "Let us forget whatever elements of bitterness the events of the past few days have created, only remembering how steady and how orderly the country has remained, though severely tested."

## BACK TO WORK

But although the strike ended officially six days ago, it was not until yesterday morning that the massive gates of London's dockyards swung open and thousands of dockers and stevedores flocked back to begin unloading the cargo boats which have crowded the docks during the strike. As the dockers came in the troops marched out.

And even today, although trains and buses, Tubes and trams are running almost normal services, many works throughout the country have not recovered from the stoppage which has lost the nation the enormous total of 162 million days' output.

The iron and steel industries are still crippled by shortage of coal, for the strike of the miners continues. The miners are fighting against a decrease in their pay, and are demanding better hours and conditions, and it was in support of the miners' claim that the T.U.C. called a General Strike.

It is now being argued by critics of the T.U.C. that the calling of a sympathy strike was illegal, but throughout the country the uppermost feeling is one of relief that the dangerous fight between Government and Trade Unionists has ended without disaster.



On the left: David Tomlinson and A. E. Matthews. Above: Brian Reece and Ronald Shiner—all in Carry On Admiral

## JAPAN'S FIRST ENGLISHMAN

The strange story of William Adams, the first Englishman to live in Japan, is recalled by the memorial service to him held the other day in Tokyo. It was attended by Japanese Government representatives and the British Ambassador.

William Adams, whose adventures were not unlike those of the famous Venetian traveller, Marco Polo, was born at Gillingham in Kent about 1564, and went to sea at the age of 12. After many voyages he sailed as pilot to a Dutch fleet of five vessels, leaving behind him a wife and child.

Contrary winds drove the ships to South America and then bad weather scattered them, and the Charity, with Will Adams on board, eventually reached Japan in April 1600.

The Europeans were at first imprisoned, and then Adams was brought before the ruling dictator, Ieyasu, who was much impressed by his knowledge of shipbuilding and seamanship. The two became close friends and Will built vessels for his patron. Eventually he was appointed official shipbuilder of the Kingdom and given the title Honourable Pilot with an estate

of 100 farms. But Ieyasu steadfastly refused him permission to leave Japan to see his family.

At last, despairing of seeing his native land again, Adams married a Japanese woman and became the father of two children. Then an English ship arrived and Will helped to establish a trading post for the East India Company.

His protector died in 1616, and he was free to leave, but he was tempted into new trading ventures, on one of which he died in 1620.

His Japanese friends buried him near his estate, 30 miles from Tokyo. Later they named a street after him in Tokyo, and in 1926 a statue of him was erected in the city.

His home town of Gillingham has commemorated him by a fine stone tower with a clock.

## More electricity for Kenya

Dams and power stations now being built on the Tanya River will in due course provide many Africans in Kenya with their first electricity, both in the home and for light industry.

The work started last month should prove to be one of the most important landmarks in Kenya's history.



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NEWS FROM THE ZOO

# THE BOWER-BIRDS ARE BUSY

A PAIR of Australian Satin bower-birds recently drafted from the Zoo bird house to the large wading-birds' aviary, in the hope that they would nest, have been remarkably quick in getting to work.

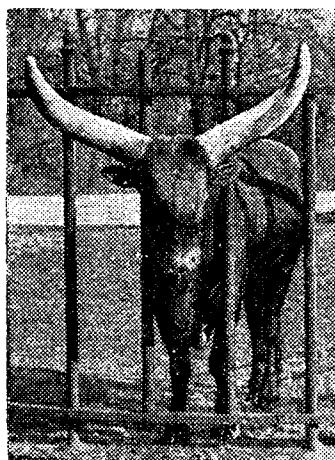
The birds have now erected a very fine bower, or arcade, with twigs, and both are now decorating it with bits of charcoal and blue cloth, supplied by the keepers. Mr. John Yealland, curator of birds, told me: "These bower-birds are never so happy as

these bower-birds built both bower and a nest—in fact, they made three nests—but they had no eggs, so we hope for better luck this time."

Welcome new arrivals in the menagerie are two young chinchillas, given by a lady who lives in London. The animals are badly needed to introduce new blood into the Zoo's breeding stock, which was down to only six specimens.

These South American relatives of the guinea-pig have been exhibited at the Zoo on only a few occasions.

## How does he do it?



An African Watussi bull at the Cologne Zoo has found a way of working his huge horns through the railings of his paddock, and back again. His trick always draws a crowd together.

when making their bower gay with bits of blue paper or cloth—we have offered them other colours, but they always select the blue.

"The male is already performing his courtship dances inside the bower on the ground, and the building of a nest in one of the trees nearby would seem to be only a matter of days. Last year

"Chinchillas used to run wild in the mountainous parts of South America," an official told me. "But the heavy demands made by fashion—more than 150 skins are needed for a single coat—almost brought about their extinction."

"Attempts to breed the chinchilla in this country have not been altogether successful—many technical difficulties lie in the way. For its size, the chinchilla is a remarkably valuable little animal. A breeding pair in good condition today would be worth about £200."

## FIVE DOZEN BABIES

At the insect house there is some excitement just now because a four-inch-long West African centipede has presented the Society with an interesting family.

"The centipede laid a large egg-mass among some moss and curled itself up around the eggs," Overseer George Ashby told me. "It spent six weeks like that, in a container in the laboratory, almost without moving."

"Now about five dozen baby centipedes have hatched out. The babies are white, with half-inch-long bodies, and at the moment they are legless."

"Some of them will be useful to

exchange with other zoos. But one thing is certain, they are not for sale as 'pets.' When mature, they are slightly dangerous."

Chief item of interest at the Zoo aquarium just now is a collection of eggs of the nursehound, or larger spotted dogfish. The eggs were found in the English Channel. Each about four inches long, they are well worth looking at, for the nursehound gives birth to only a few young at a time, and these are launched upon the world in curious yellowish horny cases which are anchored to floating seaweed by long tendrils.

"Each baby fish has a large round yolk-sac, about as big as a chestnut, attached to its stomach. In its early stages the fish lives on the contents," said an official. "As soon as the nourishment is exhausted the sac parts naturally from the fish. Meanwhile, people can watch the movements of the baby nursehounds through the semi-transparent sac-cases."

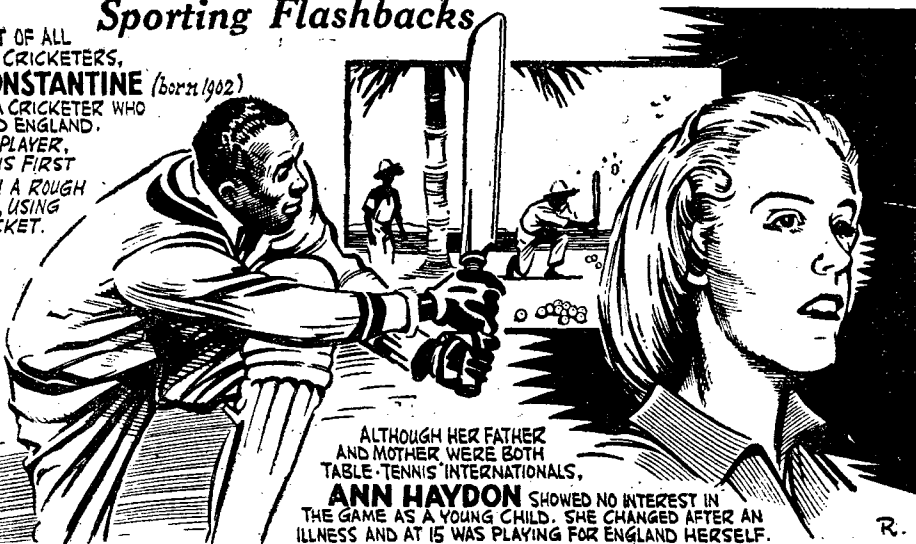
"We expect these young nursehounds to emerge from their cases in about two months' time. They will then be about three inches long, and will be fed on shredded liver. When adult, the nursehound is several feet long."

Craven Hill

## Sporting Flashbacks

THE GREATEST OF ALL WEST INDIES CRICKETERS, **LEARIE CONSTANTINE** (born 1902) IS THE SON OF A CRICKETER WHO ALSO TOURED ENGLAND. A NATURAL PLAYER, LEARIE MADE HIS FIRST BIG HITS WITH A ROUGH PIECE OF WOOD, USING A TREE AS WICKET.

THE "BALL" WAS USUALLY AN ORANGE, FOR THAT FRUIT IS PLENTIFUL IN TRINIDAD AND REAL CRICKET BALLS WERE BOTH DEAR AND SCARCE.



ALTHOUGH HER FATHER AND MOTHER WERE BOTH TABLE-TENNIS INTERNATIONALS, **ANN HAYDON** SHOWED NO INTEREST IN THE GAME AS A YOUNG CHILD. SHE CHANGED AFTER AN ILLNESS AND AT 15 WAS PLAYING FOR ENGLAND HERSELF.

# THE ATOM STILL HAS ITS SECRETS

Research into the still unknown qualities of atoms is going on apace in the United States, and at Brookhaven in Long Island "a super atom smasher" is being built. The world's biggest scientific instrument, it will consist of a giant steel and copper hoop, 842 feet in diameter, contained in a circular underground tunnel half a mile long.

Atom particles will be shot along the hoop at a velocity approaching the speed of light—they will travel about 370,000 times round the hoop in a second.

It is expected that this gigantic machine—called officially an Alternating Gradient Synchrotron—will reveal more about the mysterious sub-atomic particles known as mesons, which are believed to be the force holding atoms together.

Another startling development in atomic research has been made at Chicago University, where scientists have produced a jet of atomic vapour twice as hot as the surface of the sun!

The jet is obtained by a device which concentrates the heat of a carbon arc. The temperature of the jet, 25,600 degrees Fahrenheit, is the highest ever produced for laboratory studies. Thermometers could not record such a temperature; it is measured by a spectrograph, similar to that used for determining the temperatures of stars by their light.

The hot atomic jet will be used to study the behaviour of materials under extremely high temperatures. It will enable scientists to reproduce the heat that metals would reach at a speed of up to 50,000 m.p.h.

Atomic research for peaceful purposes is modern man's most exciting adventure, and Britain is playing a leading part in it. What this country, the Soviet Union, France, Belgium, Norway, and other nations have achieved will be shown this summer at the International Atomic Energy Exhibition at Schiphol Airport near Amsterdam.

## FOUNDERS OF A NATION—new picture-version of the Pilgrim Fathers' story (11)



Standish's resolute approach unnerved Morton and he did not fire. He was arrested—his roistering companions making no attempt to help him—and later sent to England. Thus a common danger to all the settlers was removed. In 1629 several ships arrived at Salem with Puritans led by John Endecott, who became the first Governor of the new Massachusetts Bay Colony—which did not then include Plymouth.



The Pilgrims were rigid in their creed and would not tolerate those who preached a different doctrine from their own. Roger Williams, a minister who believed in tolerating all religions, was obliged to leave Plymouth with his followers. Banished also from Salem, they eventually settled in the region afterwards called Rhode Island, where they founded a new Colony based on the principle of religious freedom.



In 1636 another migration from Massachusetts was led by Thomas Hooker, a minister who was also opposed to the intolerant notions of that Colony's rulers. His followers settled on the Connecticut river and founded the town of Hartford. Mrs. Hooker travelled there in a horse-litter, and the party took 160 cattle. New England was now growing apace, and more settlers frequently arrived from the Old Country.



But the new country was not allowed to develop in peace. The English had become friendly with the Narraganset Indians, and this provoked the anger of the Narragansets' enemies, the Pequots, who were the most warlike tribe in New England. The Pequots began attacking the new settlements in Connecticut, surprising men and women working in the fields, killing several and torturing those they captured.

What can these peaceful settlers do against the Indians? See next week's concluding instalment



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Mr. Carter arranges to take the Natural History Club on a cycling excursion, and Mr. Wilkins agrees to bring the picnic hamper along in his car. At the last minute the car will not start, and the fault is found to be a handkerchief wedged in the exhaust pipe. Jennings admits he left it there by accident when cleaning the car, and Mr. Wilkins refuses to let him go on the excursion.

#### 4. The picnic

NUMB with disappointment, Jennings turned to leave the garage. At the door he stopped and made a final appeal. "I was only trying to do you a favour, sir. I thought you'd be pleased if I cleaned the car for you."

"It's no good arguing, Jennings. You're not coming, and that's that." Mr. Wilkins stooped to pick up the laundry basket from beside the double doors where the boy had left it. As he stowed it in the boot he grumbled: "If it hadn't been for your stupid behaviour I'd have been halfway to Dunhambury by now."

Outside the garage Jennings pouted and blew out his cheeks in disappointment and thwarted anger. "Jolly well not fair," he muttered beneath his breath. "All that trouble I went to in getting my new bike here in time, and now I can't use it."

The members of the Natural History Club sympathised with the chief Frog-Spotter in discreet undertones.

"Bad luck, Jen," Darbshire whispered. "Never mind, though. I'll tell you all about it when we get back."

Mr. Wilkins reversed the car out of the garage and drove round the corner onto the quad, but he had not gone twenty yards when he pulled up in response to the frantic signals of Temple who came pounding towards him, waving his arms and calling at the top of his voice.

"Sir! Sir! Stop, sir!" The shrill urgency of his tones caused the master to bring the car to a standstill and switch off the engine. "What's the matter?" he demanded irritably.

"Phew! Thank goodness I caught you, sir! I've run flat out every step of the way from Matron's room," Temple panted. "Jolly good job you hadn't started or there wouldn't have been anything to eat when we got there."

#### Wrong basket

Mr. Wilkins looked puzzled. "What are you talking about, boy? I've got all the food for the picnic in the car. It's in a laundry basket in the boot."

"No, it isn't, sir. That's why I've come to stop you. Matron says you've got the wrong basket, sir."

"Uh!" With a grunt of impatience Mr. Wilkins climbed out of the car to inspect the contents of the boot. His impatience turned

## TAKE JENNINGS, FOR INSTANCE

by Anthony Buckeridge

to surprise when, lifting the lid of the basket, his eye fell upon a pile of clean sheets and pillow-cases.

"This is ridiculous!" he fumed. "Where has the proper basket got to?"

As though in answer to his query, Martin-Jones and Thomson came staggering across the quad towards him with a similar hamper; but this one, upon inspection, was found to be full of sandwiches, buns, and bottles of fizzy drinks.

"Matron only just discovered it, sir," Martin-Jones announced. "She says she knows what must



Darbshire was kept busy

have happened, but she didn't have time to explain, or we should have missed you, sir."

While the exchange of hampers was taking place, Mr. Carter led his contingent of cyclists onto the quad in readiness for the journey. He stopped to speak to his colleague, and heard of the mistake that had been made and the crisis so narrowly averted.

#### All due to Jennings

"Perhaps it was just as well that Jennings *did* delay you, after all," he observed.

"Don't talk to me about Jennings!" replied Mr. Wilkins testily. "It was his stupid interference that nearly stopped my car from going to the picnic at all! Why, if he hadn't told us that he'd brilliantly blocked up my exhaust pipe, we—we—well, we'd have been sunk."

"Quite! But we should have been sunk even more deeply if you'd arrived at the picnic with nothing for lunch but clean sheets and pillow-cases," Mr. Carter pointed out. "In fact, you ought to be grateful for Jennings' delaying tactics. It's entirely due to him that there will be something to eat when we get there."

"H'm! Yes, you're right, Carter. I hadn't looked at it like that," Mr. Wilkins answered thoughtfully.

He glanced at the party of cyclists eager to be on their way. Standing all alone, some distance behind the group, was a forlorn figure watching his colleagues with wistful longing.

"Come here, Jennings," Mr. Wilkins called. The boy made his way across, wondering what further misfortune awaited him. To his amazement the master said: "Oddly enough, Jennings, your unbelievable stupidity has proved to be a blessing in disguise."

#### Reprieve

Jennings gaped, completely at a loss to understand what the master was talking about.

"And that being the case, I've decided to cancel your punishment. You can come on the expedition, after all."

"Oh, thank you, sir! Thank you very much, sir!" The sparkle came back to Jennings' eyes and he flapped his fingers in delight.

"Don't thank me, boy. Thank Mr. Carter," said Mr. Wilkins gruffly. Whereupon he climbed once more into the driving seat and tugged the starter. As the car moved away across the quad Jennings stood staring after it, unable to believe his good fortune. Then, with a joyful "Wacko!" he turned and scampered away to fetch his bicycle.

The river valley turned out to be the ideal place for a Nature excursion. Mr. Carter had chosen a site near the market town of Dunhambury where the valley widens and the river meanders its way down to the sea some three or four miles away.

To everyone's surprise and relief Mr. Wilkins' car made the journey without mishap, and a picnic lunch was awaiting the hungry club members when they arrived.

They sat on the grass in little groups eating their sandwiches, while Mr. Carter strolled about, dispensing bottles of fizzy drinks and listening with half an ear to the snippets of conversation going on around him.

#### Mr Carter realises

"Yes, but what I don't understand is how all those sheets and stuff came to be in his car in the first place," he heard Venables demand in ringing tones.

"That was just a sort of accidental bish," Jennings replied through a mouthful of egg sandwich. "I didn't bother to look inside because Matron told me to..."

Mr. Carter raised one eyebrow and swivelled round in surprise.

"Jennings! Do you mean to say

it was you, of all people, who brought the wrong basket along to the garage?"

"Yes, sir. There must have been two baskets, you see, sir, and accidentally I..."

"Accidentally!" Mr. Carter echoed. "Don't you realise it was for accidentally delaying the car that you were let off your punishment? If Mr. Wilkins had known that you were the cause of both accidents, I'm quite sure he'd never have allowed you to come!"

"Oh, sir!" Jennings brooded over this pronouncement for a moment. Then he said: "In that case it was a jolly good thing I made two bishes, wasn't it, sir? They sort of cancelled each other out."

Mr. Carter smiled to himself as he passed onto the next group of picnickers.

All through the afternoon the boys spotted, observed, tracked, and made notes on the wild life of the valley. Some of the observations were so improbable that the secretary refused to enter them in his Nature Diary.

"You're crazy, Atki! You couldn't possibly have heard a rattlesnake!" Darbshire protested when asked to record Atkinson's narrow escape from a dangerous encounter.

"Well, it rattled, anyway. I heard it," Atkinson argued. "Of course, it might have been that box of drawing pins Bromo had in his pocket, but I don't think so."

Darbshire was kept busy recording the data all afternoon, and

it was not until it was nearly time to start the journey home that he had any free moments to himself. At last, however, at Jennings' suggestion, he abandoned his secretarial duties and the two boys set off to explore a riverside copse.

Soon they reached the river bank and followed it for some distance until approaching a bend they saw a small island in mid-stream.

"That'd be a decent place to explore," Jennings exclaimed. "An uninhabitable island like that is bound to be bursting with wild life."

#### Adventure ahead?

"Yes, of course it is. It'd make quite a decent bird sanctuary, too, wouldn't it?" Darbshire prattled happily. "The snag is, how could we get there? Easy enough for the birds, of course, but..."

He broke off as Jennings clutched his arm in sudden excitement. "What's the matter? What's up now?"

By way of reply Jennings pointed to the opposite bank. They had rounded the bend by this time, and there, just across the water, was a landing stage where a number of rowing boats, skiffs, and punts were moored. At the head of the landing stage was a signboard. *Boats for Hire. 4s. per hour*, it read.

"There you are, Darbi! That's how we could get there!" Jennings cried in triumph.

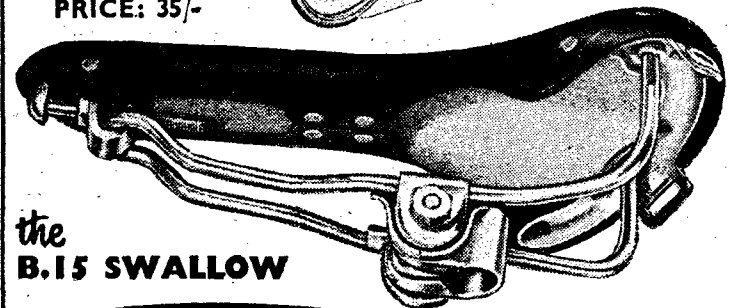
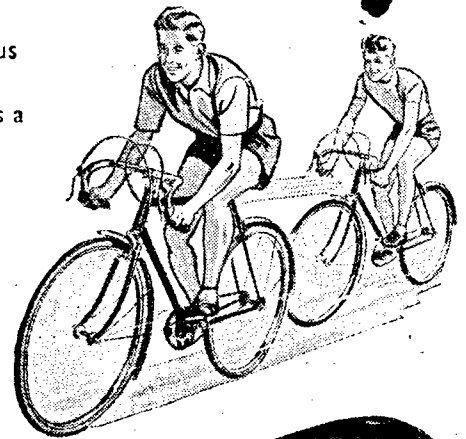
Jennings goes rowing in next week's episode

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WHEN Great Britain meet the Netherlands in an international swimming match at Blackpool this weekend, chief interest will centre on the women's backstroke event, in which the brilliant Dutch girl, Lenie de Nijs, and Margaret Edwards will be in opposition. Since Judy Grinham took up free-style swimming, Margaret has become our No. 1 back-stroker, and only recently gained two world records for 220 yards and 200 metres.

THE Universities Athletic Union Championships take place this weekend (Friday and Saturday) at Palmer Park, Reading. London, Manchester, Birmingham, and Southampton Universities will be competing.

### Proud record

OVER the years the Castleford district of Yorkshire has turned out some fine Rugby footballers, and one of the local school teams there is carrying on the tradition. The under-eleven Rugby League team of the Castleford Temple Street School were unbeaten in this season's football, and had their line crossed only once. In their 12 games the team had an aggregate of 243 points to 3; the only try against them being scored in the closing minutes of the last match of the season!

# SPORTS SHORTS

FOR some time now many authorities have been arguing that sponge bats should be banned in table tennis on the grounds that they were killing the sport as a spectacle. Although many of England's leading players use them, the Table Tennis Association have decided to ban the bats for a period of twelve months.

### Improve your rounders

LIKE every other game, rounders has its rules and organising body; and in collaboration with the National Rounders Association, Educational Productions, Ltd., has just published an excellent little book on the subject in their Know the Game series at 2s. 6d.

Most of us think of rounders as a simple version of baseball; and though it can be played almost anywhere and with little equipment, a great deal of skill can be applied by good players. This little book will help all boys and girls to get more out of the game.

### Scouts triumph at marbles

FOR the sixth consecutive year the Junior Marbles Champions of Great Britain are the 1st Slaughtam Boy Scout Group of Mid-Sussex. After weeks of training, their new captain, Patrol Leader Barry Ray, led his team to victory in the national contests at Tinsley Green. During the coming months the Slaughtam Scouts hope to give demonstrations of the game at garden fêtes and other functions.

ALTHOUGH David Sydenham is not yet a regular member of the Surrey county cricket team, he is developing into a promising fast bowler. But he is also useful to the county in another way. During his four years on the Oval ground-staff, he has completed a chiropody course at the London Polytechnic, and will assist Surrey's masseur, Sandy Tait.

THIS is the last season of first-class cricket for Denis Compton. The great England and Middlesex batsman has been told by his doctors that to continue for more than this present season might make him a cripple for life. Few believed that he could return to the game after the removal of his right kneecap in 1955, but Denis regained his place in England's Test team against Australia last year, and in South Africa during the past winter.



### Modern bowman

A new type of bow, made of maple, fibre glass, and plastics, has been designed by Mr. Dick Easton of Woking.

QUITE a number of Football League teams have started their close-season playing tours. Tottenham Hotspur have gone to Canada and the United States, and Southend United are to play against Vienna "B" and three teams in Czechoslovakia. West Bromwich Albion go to Russia.

LIKE father, like daughter is what they are saying about Christine Bailey, daughter of the famous post-war sprinter MacDonald Bailey. Only eight, Christine is already winning races, and will represent her Holborn school in the L.C.C. Championship in June.

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### Champion leap



Ken Wilmschurst, Britain's long-jump champion, put every ounce of effort into this leap which won him the Southern Counties title recently.

A TEAM of boxers from Israel make their international debut on Tuesday next when they meet a London team at Harringay Arena. It will be a stern test for the visitors, for the London team is almost good enough to be termed "England."

COLIN HANNAM, from West Coker, near Yeovil, must be one of the best amateur all-round sportsmen in the country. He has represented Somerset more than 100 times in county competition at lawn tennis, squash, hockey, and soccer. He also plays Rugby for Yeovil, but has yet to receive county honours at that sport.

IVAN MAUGER, 17-year-old New Zealander from Christchurch, took up speedway racing less than two years ago. A few weeks ago he arrived in this country—to ask for a trial at the Wimbledon speedway. He got his chance, and now he hopes to emulate fellow-New Zealanders who have achieved sporting fame in British speedway racing.

### C N Competition Corner

## TENNIS RACKETS & CRICKET BATS

### To Be Won in This Week's Competition!

TENNIS Rackets for the winning girls, Cricket Bats for the winning boys—these are the prizes awaiting the five winners of this C N Competition. All under 17 living in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, and the Channel Islands may enter, and there is nothing to pay.

What to Do: The 15 objects pictured below all have names which start with different letters of the alphabet. You are simply asked to say which eleven letters are not represented there.

When you have decided on your answer, write it neatly on a postcard so: "The letters not represented in the picture are—". Add your full name, age, and address, ask a parent or guardian to sign the entry as your own unaided work, and then cut out and attach the competition token (marked C N Token) from the back page of this issue. Post to:

C N Competition No. 15,

3 Pilgrim St., London E.C.4 (Comp.),

to arrive by Tuesday, May 28, the closing date of this competition.

Tennis Rackets or Cricket Bats will be awarded for the five entries which are correct or most nearly so, and the best written (or printed), according to age. Fountain-pens for the ten next best efforts. The Editor's decision is final.





The Children's Newspaper, May 18, 1957

## LOOKING AT THE SKY

# CHANCE TO COMPARE JUPITER AND VENUS

THE planet Venus is now coming into view in the evening sky and may be seen soon after sunset low in the west. Though not much in evidence at present, it will be better placed in a week or two.

Venus is much the brightest object in the sky, appearing twice as bright as Jupiter, which is high up in the south and may be readily recognised from the accompanying star-map. At present Venus sets about 9.40 p.m., only about an hour after the Sun, so the time for observing is short; but this will lengthen as the planet reaches a higher altitude later on, and does not set so soon after the Sun.

## GETTING BRIGHTER

Just now Venus is about 155 million miles away, far beyond the Sun which it passed behind on April 14, when it was at its farthest from the Earth. By coming closer to us, Venus will now become a still brighter and grander object in the evening sky, increasing month by month until by Christmas next Venus will be at its brightest.

Jupiter, being due south at about 8.30 p.m., may be seen at the same time as Venus, when a comparison may be made. Though appearing so far apart at the present time, these two worlds will be seen to

approach each other during the next three months, until by August 22 they will appear to pass and be so near together that there would not be room for the Moon between them. Actually Jupiter is very much farther away from us than is Venus, being at present 460 million miles distant and also receding.

Seen through an astronomical telescope, Jupiter presents a golden-hued disc with a diameter four times greater than the brilliant silvery disc of Venus. Moreover, much detail of Jupiter can be seen as well as the shadows of its twelve moons which pass across the surface. Venus, on the other hand, presents little more than

vague dusky areas suggesting radiant cloud-masses covering the planet. Up to the present it has even been found impossible to obtain any definite evidence as to the length of the day on Venus or the angle at which the planet rotates.

There is, however, much evi-

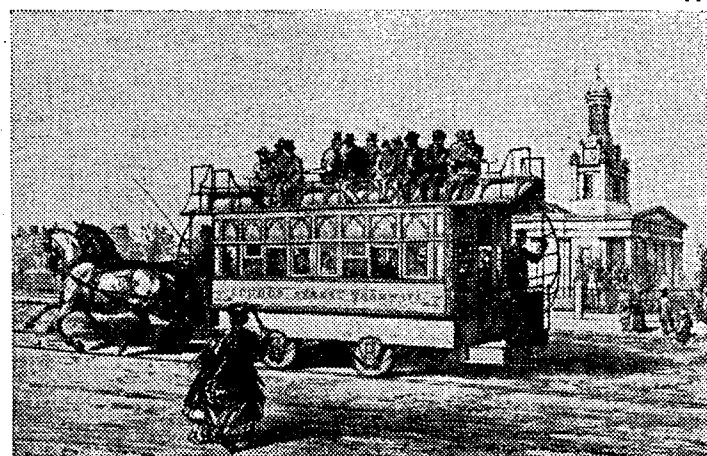
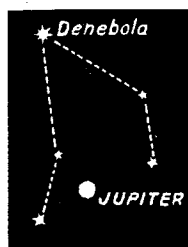
dence to indicate that the atmosphere in which these clouds float is dense and deep. A most interesting though rarely observed example occurs when Venus passes in transit across the Sun; then, as the small dark disc of the planet begins its journey across the face of the Sun, a ring of light is seen to encircle that portion of Venus about to enter in transit.

This ring of light is produced by the refraction of the sunlight passing through the planet's atmosphere. It is a similar effect to the ring of light produced by the Earth's atmosphere and which lights up the Moon during the Total Eclipse. (To see this ring of light, of course, one would have to see it from the Moon, as was explained in last week's C.N.)

## NO HUMAN BEINGS

Unfortunately, transits of Venus happen only at long intervals, the last being in 1882, and the next not until 2004. As well as the visual evidence for an atmosphere on Venus, there is the analysis of its light, which indicates a very high proportion of carbon-dioxide in the atmosphere. If this extends to the solid surface beneath the clouds, no human being could live for more than a very few minutes on Venus.

G. F. M.



## A ride on the old horse tram

An interesting collection of pictures showing how our forefathers travelled in the 18th and 19th centuries has been on view in the City of London's Guildhall Art Gallery. Above is an early horse tram of Queen Victoria's day.

## JOB OF THE WOOD SAWYER

How would you like to work in a sawmill and learn to operate the big machines now used in the industry? The job is well described in another new Choice of Careers booklet called The Wood Sawyer and Woodcutting Machinist (Stationery Office, 1s. 3d.).

A glance round the room will show how important such work is. Floorboards, furniture, picture rails, window-frames and many other things are all made of wood that originally came from the sawmill via the woodworking machine shop. It was shaped by skilled craftsmen using mechanical cross-cut saws, band saws (an endless

flexible band of steel), circular saws, fretsaws, borers, and other precision tools.

A boy needs plenty of muscle and abounding health to be a success in this craft. And he must have keen hearing, for he will have to judge whether a saw is working properly by its sound. Above all, he must be of a careful and responsible nature—for this is no kind of a slap-dash job. It offers a worthwhile career to the right sort of lad, and the best way to start is by serving an apprenticeship. This lasts about five years, but is worth while because of the good prospects.

# Left in a steaming jungle

What would happen to the enamel on your bicycle if you left it in the depths of an African rain forest... exposed it for days on end to a tropical sun? Would the paint-work fade? Would it peel, baring the metal to rust and corrosion? The answer is *no*—if the bicycle is a Triumph. The enamel for your Triumph is sampled regularly... subjected to ultra-violet 'sunrays' and heavy atmospheric moisture as severe as a jungle

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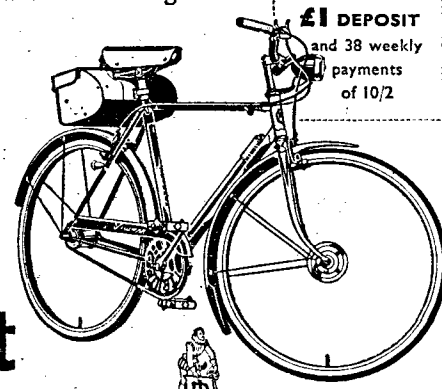
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## IRISH

AN English tourist was watching an Irishman repairing the roof of his house in the pouring rain.

"You ought to wait till it's fine to do that job," he called out.

"And what would be the need then?" came the quick reply.

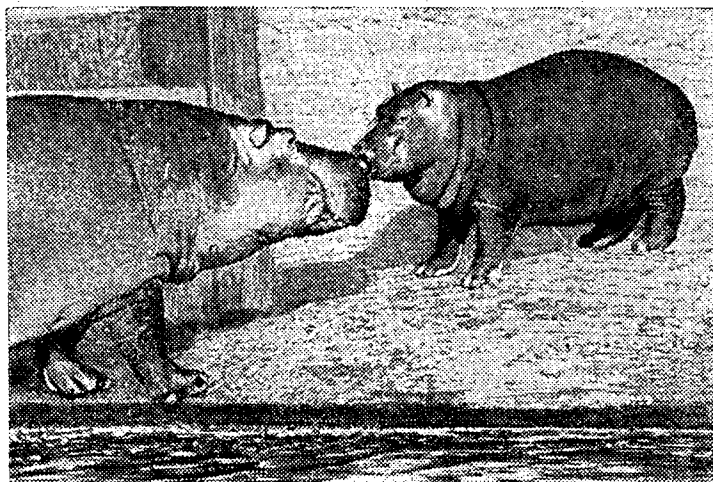
## SPOT THE . . .

CUCKOO as he flies swiftly through the air. You can recognise him by his straight, narrow body, long tail and wings. Cuckoos have slate-grey backs, and below are barred with white. I m a t u r e cuckoos have brown plumage.



Although these birds perform invaluable work by destroying numerous insect pests, particularly the hairy caterpillars which many other birds avoid, they are unpopular with most bird lovers because of their ruthless treatment of smaller birds. As is generally known, the cuckoo does not build a nest, but lays its eggs in the nests of other birds.

## AT WHIPSNADE ZOO



GILBERT has an ugly face,  
But still he's Mother's pet.  
Though one thing he dislikes the most  
Is getting very wet.

So when a hippopotamus  
First learns to take a swim,

## BANKING ON A BIRTHDAY PRESENT

"WHAT would you like for your birthday?"

Asked dear old Auntie Sue.

"An elephant, please," I answered.

"A baby one would do!"

"An elephant for your birthday!"

Cried dear old Auntie Sue.

"Now where will I buy one of them?"

They all live at the Zoo!"

"Well, just a model elephant,"

I told my Auntie Sue.

So she bought one for my birthday—

And he's a money-box, too!

## ONCE UPON A TIME

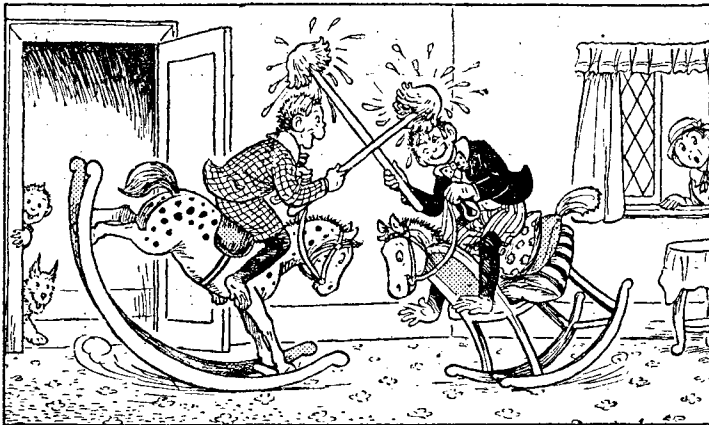
A WEARY traveller was resting on the bank of a canal when a bargee came along towing his barge.

"How much would you charge to give me a lift to the next town in your barge?" he asked.

"Sixpence," replied the cheery bargee; "but only tuppence if you help me to tow it."

So the traveller put the tow-ropes on his shoulder and plodded onto the town, where he paid the bargee twopence and went on his way rejoicing at having saved himself fourpence!

## MOP FIGHT FOR JACKO AND CHIMP



Jacko and Chimp had been reading about the bold knights of old. "Let's have a tournament just like them," said Jacko, "you can ride on the rocking horse. I'll make one out of the rocking chair." "Jolly good," agreed Chimp. "We can use your Mother's mops instead of lances." The fun was fast and furious with no quarter given on either side until Mother arrived on the scene. And there was no doubt then who was the winner of the battle. She did a complete mopping-up operation!

## BEDTIME TALE

## ROVER TO THE RESCUE

"WHAT a beauty!" said Billy, looking at Paul's new model aeroplane. "Are you going to fly it now?"

"Yes, I'm just going to the park. Want to come?"

The two lads set off. Then Paul stopped. "I don't think Rover had better come with us," he said. "He might get hold of the plane and hurt it."

"What! Rover?" said Billy with a laugh. "Never. He's as safe as can be."

Paul was not really convinced, but they went on into the park. Paul wound up the elastic and sent the plane soaring up—with Rover barking loudly and chasing after it.

Poor Paul looked very worried until the plane came in to land and Rover just stood beside it, wagging his tail as if to say: "Look, here it is. I've found it for you."

Each time the plane went up Rover barked, ran after it, and guarded it when it came down. But the fourth time it landed Rover was unable to guard it—it was in the middle of the pond!

"Oh crumbs!" said Paul. "We'll never get it now."

"Don't worry," said Billy. He turned to Rover and pointed to the

plane. "Fetch it, boy, fetch it. Gently, now."

Rover dived into the pond and swam towards the floating plane and pushed it towards his young master until Billy was able to reach it.

"What a good job Rover came along," said Paul, with a sigh of relief as he examined the plane and found it undamaged. "He may not be a Retriever, but he is jolly good at Air Sea Rescue—if you see what I mean!"

## I WONDER

JUST down the road,

Near the railway line,

They are digging a hole,

"Do you think it's a mine?"

It's a beautiful hole,

About three miles deep.

I know, 'cause the watchman let me peep.

Now, I wonder if they do

Dig the earth completely through,

Will they reach an Australian

town,

And will they get there upside

down?

## ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Pick the flowers. Violet Japan, Pansy Norway, Tulip Greece, Daisy Canada, Lupin Holland, Dahlia Italy.

What am I? The letter S (S+IX=SIX) Strange cities. Velocity, duplicity, pertinacity, multiplicity, scarcity, eccentricity. Nursery jumble. Humpty Dumpty, There was an old woman; Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat, Little Boy Blue; Little Jack Horner, Jack and Jill; Jack Sprat, Dickory Dickory Dock.

Missing middle. Sundial—ask, bun, ink, add, tip, cat, sly.

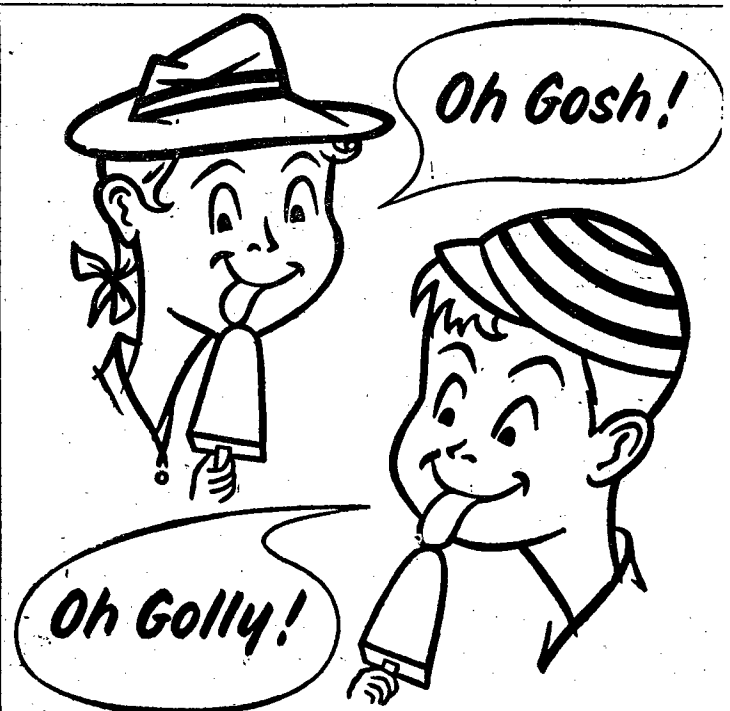
Muddled-up towns. Newport, Leicester, Reading, Aldershot, Carlisle, Bristol.

## LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

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WRIST	SU
AI	STORM
SPEED	EDGE
HEN	ADDED

## JUST A FEW WORDS

1. D. Grotesque means fantastically formed, distorted or unnatural. It was originally used for a kind of decorative painting or sculpture, such as might be found in a grotto, in which human and animal forms were interwoven with leaves and flowers.
2. A. A vendor is a person who sells (as in news-vendor). (From French *vendre*, to sell.)
3. A. A prelude is an event or a piece of writing which introduces something of greater importance. It is also the name of a short introductory piece of music. (From Latin *prae*, before, and *ludere*, to play.)
4. C. Aquatic means relating to water. (From Latin *aqua*, water.)
5. B. Indigo is a violet-blue colour. It was originally a dye obtained from the leaves of a plant of the same name.
6. C. To eschew is to shun, to abstain from.



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## PICK THE FLOWERS

IN each of these jumbles there is a flower and a country. If you pick out the flower you will have the country left. For example, out of FRRAONSCCE you would pick ROSE to leave FRANCE. All the letters are in the correct order.

VJIOALPEATN  
NPOARNWSAYY  
TUGRLEIEPCE  
CADANIASDYA  
HLOULLPAINND  
DAIHTLAIALY

## WHAT AM I?

By adding to a number  
You increase it, I confess.  
And yet, if you add me to nine,  
You'll find you've made it less.

## STRANGE CITIES

Answers to each of these clues end with the letters CITY. Can you say what they are?

SPEED, deceit, persistence; great number, famine, oddness.

## NURSERY JUMBLE

There are phrases from eight nursery rhymes jumbled in this verse. Can you see which they are?

ALL the King's horses lived in a shoe,

Singing: "Where have you been, Little Boy Blue?"

He put in his thumb and broke his crown,

Then licked the platter as the mouse ran down!

## MISSING MIDDLE

CAN you insert the name of an old time-piece between these rows of letters so that you have seven three-letter words reading down?

A B I A T C S  
K N K D P T Y

## MUDDLED-UP TOWNS

CAN you rearrange these muddled-up words so that they spell the names of six British towns?

TOPWREN.  
ELSETRICE.  
DINERAG.  
LASHEDTOR.  
RACESILL.  
LOSTRIB.